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VG 4 COMPANY CANADIAN FORESTRY CORPS

WAR DIARY
OF
VG 4 COMPANY CANADIAN FORESTRY CORPS

FROM: 1 August 1942 TO: 31 August 1942

VOLUME XXV

1. Weather- Fine and Warm. Strengths- Five Officers and 179 Other Ranks.
   The mill produced 21,238 f.b.m. today from 493 logs. Capt. J.B. Hjelme returned from
   leave at 0900 hours today. At 1000 hours the weekly R.C.O.'s Class was held at which
   plans for tomorrow's scheme were discussed. At 2100 hours a dance was held in the
   Recreation Hall, the C.P.L. Orchestra furnished the music. There was a good attend-
   ance of officers and a good time was had by all.

2. Weather- Rain in the morning, cloudy and warm throughout the rest of the day. The
   morning was devoted to Military Training which consisted of a session involving
   Bond Patrolling. There was no training in the afternoon due to the C.P.L. Sports
   Meet. Lieut. H.E. G. Zanze proceeded on a two day Street Fighting Course at 0900 hours.

3. Weather- Cloudy and warm all day.
   The mill produced 24,530 f.b.m. today from 540 logs. Our bulldozer broke down
   early in the afternoon and was out of action for the rest of the day.

4. Weather- Cloudy with heavy showers throughout the day. The mill produced 23,129
   f.b.m. today from 473 logs. Lieut. A.B. Morton was away today to No.16 Company
   on a Board of Officers.

5. Weather- Cloudy with scattered showers.
   The mill produced 23,046 f.b.m. today from 711 logs. Lieut. A.B. Morton continued
   his work at No.5 Company. Lt.-Col. E.A. Colwell visited the camp at 1530 hours.
   The weekly class for those who are unable to be on parade on Saturdays was held at
   1900 hours. Instructions were given on gas. One of our men, Pte. N. Holt, was married.

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   morning to discuss the week's scheme. At 2100 hours a dance was held in the
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   ance of officers and a good time was had by all.

7. Weather- Rain in the morning, fair and warm during the afternoon and evening.
   Strengths- Five Officers and 179 Other Ranks.
   The mill produced 21,276 f.b.m. today from 493 logs. Capt. J.B. Hjelme proceeded on
   leave at 0900 hours today. At 1000 hours the weekly R.C.O.'s Class was held at which
   plans for tomorrow's scheme were discussed. At 2100 hours a dance was held in the
   Recreation Hall, the C.P.L. Orchestra furnished the music. There was a good attend-
   ance of officers and a good time was had by all.

8. Weather- Showers in the morning, cloudy and warm throughout the rest of the day. The
   morning was devoted to Military Training which consisted of a session involving
   Bond Patrolling. Lieut. G.B. Caswell visited the camp at 1530 hours. There was no training in the afternoon due to the C.P.L. Sports
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    ance of officers and a good time was had by all.
Weather - Cloudy and showering in the late afternoon.
The mill produced 28,382 b.m. today from 575 logs. Lieut. A.H. Norton continued his work at No. 122 Company, acted as foreman and proceeded to No. 72 Company to inspect the yard. About 1:30 p.m. Mr. J.B. Scott spent the afternoon and evening in Abingdon. He was much pleased with the conditions of the yard. The Softball Team went to Eramar in the evening and played No. 29 Company.

18. Weather - Cloudy and cool.
The mill produced 25,285 b.m. from 412 logs. Lieut. Norton continued his work at No. 22 Company today. We started loading a shipment of lumber for the "SS Pennchateau" at noon with four trucks working at the loading.

19. Weather - Cloudy and warm.
The mill produced 24,789 b.m. from 493 logs. Lieut. A.H. Norton continued his work at No. 22 Company. Major J.B. Scott spent the afternoon and evening in Aberdeen. The first load of logs from our own cutting was hauled to the mill in the late afternoon. The loading of the "SS Pennchateau" was continued until the mill was empty. One of the trucks broke down in the afternoon but the mill was kept going. At 3:00 p.m., Lt. J.B. Scott arrived and continued his work at No. 22 Company. The mill continued working until 7:00 p.m. As usual, the条件 were excellent.

The mill produced 24,025 b.m. today from 430 logs. Lt. Col. E.A. Caldwell and Major Chambers called at the camp in the morning and looked over the logs. The mill continued working until 7:00 p.m. At 3:00 p.m., the Inspection of the mill was held at 3:00 p.m. and continued until 7:00 p.m. All inspections were held at the mill and no complaints were received from anyone. The mill continued working until 7:00 p.m. As usual, the conditions were excellent.

22. Weather - Cloudy with scattered showers.
The mill produced 24,220 b.m. from 475 logs. Lieut. A.H. Norton continued his work at No. 22 Company. Major J.B. Scott spent the afternoon and evening in Aberdeen. The mill continued working until 7:00 p.m. As usual, the conditions were excellent.

23. Weather - Cloudy and threatening rain all day.
The mill produced 25,240 b.m. from 415 logs. Lieut. A.H. Norton continued his work at No. 22 Company. Major J.B. Scott spent the afternoon and evening in Aberdeen. The mill continued working until 7:00 p.m. As usual, the conditions were excellent.

24. Weather - Warm and clear.
The mill produced 24,026 b.m. from 430 logs. Lieut. A.H. Norton continued his work at No. 22 Company. Major J.B. Scott spent the afternoon and evening in Aberdeen. The mill continued working until 7:00 p.m. As usual, the conditions were excellent.

25. Weather - Misty in the morning, clear and warm in the afternoon.
The mill produced 25,220 b.m. from 415 logs. Lieut. A.H. Norton continued his work at No. 22 Company. Major J.B. Scott spent the afternoon and evening in Aberdeen. The mill continued working until 7:00 p.m. As usual, the conditions were excellent.

The mill produced 23,844 b.m. from 382 logs. Lieut. A.H. Norton continued his work at No. 22 Company. Major J.B. Scott spent the afternoon and evening in Aberdeen. The mill continued working until 7:00 p.m. As usual, the conditions were excellent.

27. Weather - Clear and warm all day, one of the nicest days this summer.
The mill produced 20,985 b.m. from 400 logs. Lieut. A.H. Norton continued his work at No. 22 Company. Major J.B. Scott spent the afternoon and evening in Aberdeen. The mill continued working until 7:00 p.m. As usual, the conditions were excellent.

28. Weather - Clear and very warm all day, cloudy in the evening.
Strength 5 officers and 154 other ranks. The mill produced 20,944 b.m. from 438 logs. Lieut. A.H. Norton continued his work at No. 22 Company. Major J.B. Scott spent the afternoon and evening in Aberdeen. The mill continued working until 7:00 p.m. As usual, the conditions were excellent.

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At 0200 hours ten of our men were sent out to search for the escaped prisoner, James Morgan. One of our men found a bicycle that he had been using, at approximately 0700 hours. At 2000 hours 18 men were sent out as a search party during the night. At 1845 hours the Medical Officer held a skin inspection. At 1945 hours the weekly class for R.C.C's and those who are unable to attend Training Parades on Saturdays, was held.

29. Weather—Cloudy and threatening rain all day.

Instead of Military Training in the morning, all the men available for parade were sent out to search for the prisoner. Word came at approximately 1100 hours that our services were no longer required as it was believed that he was no longer in this vicinity. Six trucks were loading lumber this morning. At 0900-hours Capt. J.S. Prebble and Lieut. J.G. Mackie left for Aberdeen to attend a two day Home Guard Town Fighting Course. Military Training periods in the afternoon were taken up by an inspection of Anti-gas equipment, including respirators. Capt. C.R. Dorrer paid the Company at 1600 hours.

30. Weather—Clear and cool all day, showers in the late evening.

There were two church services held in the Recreation Hall during the morning. One for the R.C.'s at 0845 hours, the other for the Protestants at 1115 hours. The day was uneventful. Capt. J.S. Prebble and Lieut. J.G. Mackie returned at 2345 hours from Aberdeen.

31. Weather—Misty during the morning, cloudy the rest of the day.

The mill produced 35,488 ft. b.m. today from 439 logs. Three trucks were loading lumber all day, for shipment on the "O.S. North Gate". Three trucks from other companies in the district, arrived in the morning to haul gravel for our logging roads.

No. 4 Company C.F.C.

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**STRENGTH RETURN OF NO. 4 COMPANY C.F.C. AS AT 31 AUGUST 1942**

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**APPENDICES**

(1) Daily Orders Part II from 1 Aug 42 to 31 Aug 42
(2) Daily Orders Part I from 1 Aug 42 to 31 Aug 42
(3) Return of Officers (A.P.W. 3000) from 1 Aug 42 to 31 Aug 42
(4) Return of Other Ranks (A.P.W. 3009) from 1 Aug 42 to 31 Aug 42
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<td>The Australian government, in the interests of national security, has declared that it will not publish the names of any persons who are suspected of participating in any espionage activities.</td>
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121. PRESERVATION OF CUIVE - CALIFORNIA

1. The attention of Unit Commanders is again drawn to the
   necessity for warning all ranks against poaching and trespassing.
   Reports are being received that troops are wandering about,
   accompanied by dogs, over farms and private property.

2. To preserve good relations with local inhabitants, Unit
   Commanders will take steps to warn all ranks against the practice
   of wandering over farms, or leaving gates open, or interfering
   with pleasant or picturesque spots in the coming spring.

3. Immediate steps will be taken by Unit Commanders to hand
   over to the civil Police stray dogs which attack themselves to
   troops and which are unwelcome.

4. Disciplinary action will be taken in all cases in which
   poaching is discovered to have involved the use of firearms
   of any description.


122. Leave to County (Illinois) - Army

Telegram received from Denver 4/34/04/44/4

Until further orders personnel 'A' leave is continued by the
Provisions of 8-29-44 shall apply (in accordance with
Complete Personnel Instructions of 10th April 44).

All personnel are to report to the Commanding Officer
On 10th April 44.

All personnel must obey the rules and regulations of the
Army.

R. H. Hough

G.O. 3-1 Company C.D.O.

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